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Dear Joshua,

thank you very much for your letters. Please thank on our behalf the Ryans. I am not sure whether we shall be able to take advantage of their very kind offer; it depends on how long we shall be able to stay in New York on arrival as we would like to catch you before your departure from Woods Hole. A journey together should offer us plenty of opportunities for a conversation which has been so far forced into highly condensed style by the tediousness of writing, and perhaps with more leisure than in the lab where you will be more busy.

Our ship is called Giacomo C. it should be fairly small (8000-12000 tons depending on descriptions) and the date of departure is still stated to be vaguely around Aug. 15th. I do not know whether our arrival will be elevated to the honour of quotation on the New York Times, in view of the smallness of the size (of the ship). If you could let Bernie Davis know about your proposed date of departure from Woods Hole, we shall be able to judge on arrival whether we can catch you or not before your departure from there, and wire you our plans accordingly.

I shall write again as soon as the date of departure will be known more exactly. The date of arrival is apparently bound to be oscillating anyhow.

We are looking forward to meeting you and Esther.

Yours sincerely

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